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\$593,690,562

Total Spent for Health, 2019

1,296

Number of Clients

2,775 (53.84%)

Number of Lobbyists/Percent of Former Government Employees ?

Annual Lobbying on Health

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During the 2018 election cycle, health care has been one of the top issues voters and candidates seem to care about. It's of no surprise that members of this industry have spent millions on lobbyists, federal candidates, political parties and outside spending groups.

Pharmaceutical companies, physicians and health professionals are the largest source of federal campaign contributions in this sector. During the 2018 election cycle, members of this industry gave \$225 million to federal candidates, outside money groups and parties. Health care professionals make the most contributions to individual candidates, PACs and outside spending groups. **In general, donors from this sector tend to support Democrats rather than Republicans.** So far, in 2018, Democratic federal candidates and incumbents have received \$63 million from this industry, while Republicans have received \$49 million.

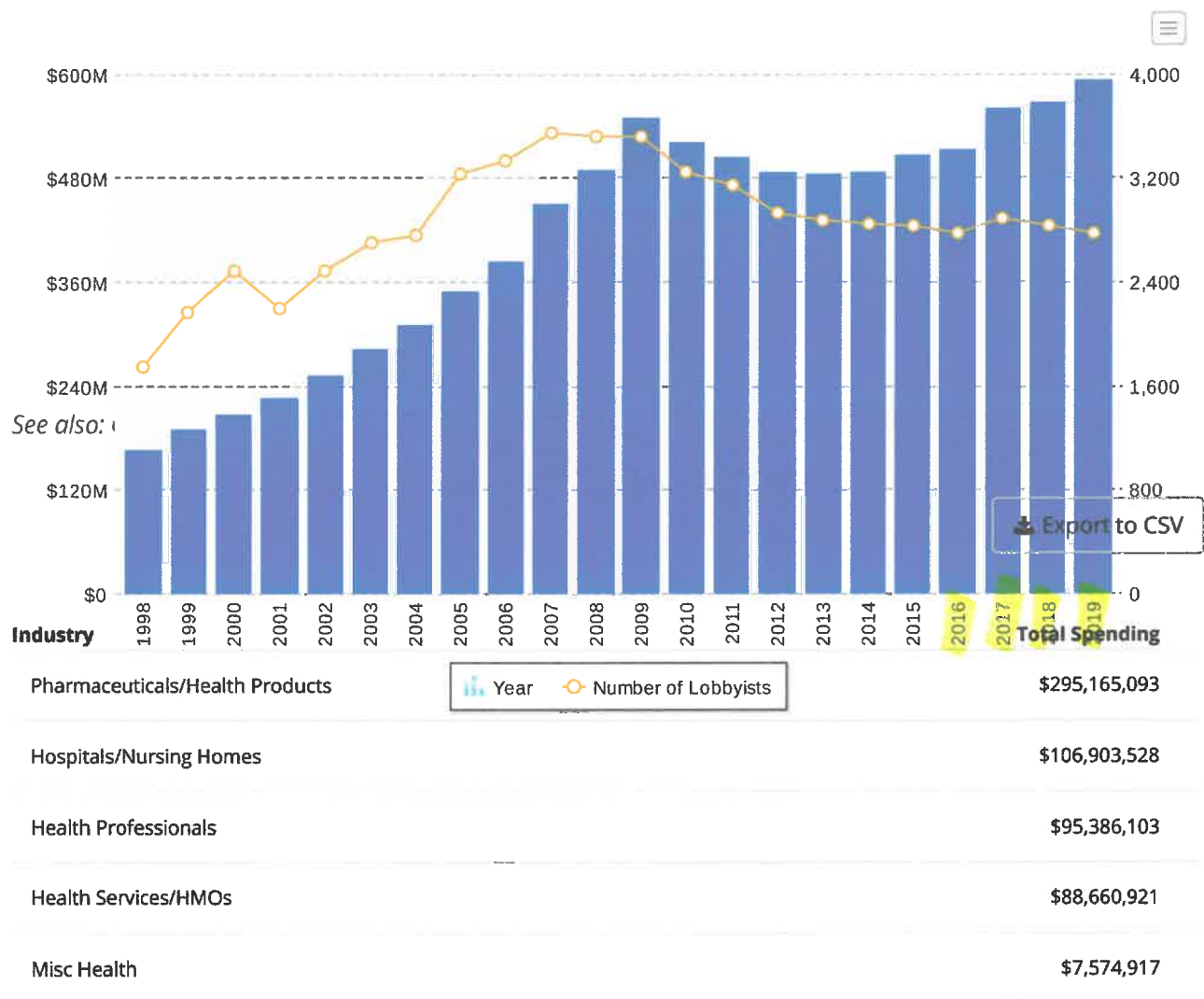
This industry also spends big on lobbying. In 2018, \$421 million has been spent on lobbying efforts for health-related issues. As of the 2018 midterms, pharmaceuticals and health products dominate lobbying, spending \$216 million this cycle. By comparison, the second highest spender is hospitals and nursing homes at \$73 million. Health professionals come in third, spending \$68 million in 2018.

By far the biggest individual contributors from this sector came from the Adelson Drug Clinic. Sheldon and Miriam Adelson, the owners of this clinic and major conservative political donors, have spent \$56 million on the 2018 election cycle. The distant second place contributor is Dr. Karla Jurvetson with \$7 million to liberal recipients. Both of the top two spenders have largely given their money to outside/soft money groups.

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